Unauthorised construction in Kanpur and Lucknow Cantts

1933. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Starred Question 77 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a larg number of bungalows under the Old Grant have been changing hands with any kind of approval or payment of increase cost under the STR;

(b) whether the authorities of the two towns mentioned therein have been allowing without any check of demolition of the unauthorised construction as are going on including at 99, Cantts, 128, Cantts, Kanpur and at several places in Lucknow Cantts;

(c) whether the orders as contained in the letter No. 41542|LC4 dated the 14th August, 1989 issued by the Directorate of Defence Estate, Lucknow were completely ignored; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Necessary action was taken as per law, and both cases are new in Court.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The utilisation of 7 Malis Quarters under lease, as approved by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Central Command, was approved by Government.

IAF Circular to acquire plots

1934. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has issued a circular|instructions to acquire some plots at village Erangal at Malad (West), Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details of plots proposed to be acquired;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian Air Force has also restricted the height to 30 mtrs. above Mean Sea Level in areas covered between 2 Kms and 5 Kms. radius from IAF station at Malad; and

(d) if so, the details of the circular| instructions issued in this regard and whether the said instructions/circular will have the prospectlve or the retrospective effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The IAF, has a proposal to acquire 40 acres and 2.75 gunthas of land at Hill-33 site at village Erangal falling in survey No. 129. Exact requirement is still being assessed.

(c) and (d) There is no Air Force Station at Malad. However, in view of the IAF proposal, on its request, Govt. of Maharashtra has imposed technical restrictions on the height of buildings coming up in the radius of 5 Kms from the proposed location at Hill-33 site. The details of restrictions are as under:—

Radius	Restriction on height
0-2 Kms	20 M above Mean Sea Level
2-5 Kms	30 M above Mean Sea Level
More than 5 Kms	No restrictions

The above instructions are applicable from 09 Jan 90.

Development of indigenous aircraft carrier

1935. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to develop an indigenous aircraft carrier for the Indian Navy;

(b) if so, when the decision was taken and what progress has so far been made in that direction; and

(c) by when the imported aircraft carriers are due to be put out of the operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The exact dates of decommissioning have not been decided.

Naval exercise with Oman and Iran

1936. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has recently held naval exercises with Oman and Iran;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereor;

(c) whether similar exercises have also been held with US Navy and others during the past two years; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the inferences drawn as a result thereof to upgrade and update Indian Navy and its equipments, war ships and infrastructure etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Joint Naval exercises were held only with Oman on 13th and 14th January, 1993 off Mina Qaboos harbour in Oman. Two Indian Naval ships, participated in these exercises, which included seamanship procedures, manoeuvering station keeping and firing by medium calibre guns. The Omani Navy was represented by five vessels of Fast Attack Craft type.

(c) Joint exercises were also held with the Navies of Australia, France, UK, USA, Singapore & Oman during the past two years. In addition Passage Exercises have been held with Australian and Indonesian Navies.

(d) Indian Naval ships have recently commenced exercising with foreign Navies. At the initial stages only very basic evolutions and communication procedures have been exercised.

Updating the MIG planes

1937. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been/are being taken to indigenise and update the production of MIG series of War-planes with or without Russian collaboration; and

(b) the number of MIG planes acquired from USSR indicating the year of purchase and their safe-flying period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Licences for manufacture of MiG-21 and MiG-27 aircraft in India were given by erstwhile USSR. Indigenisation of spares/components/systems is a continuous process and the same is done, after assessing techno-economic viabilty and availabilty from alternate sources. MiG-21 BIS aircraft is proposed to be upgraded to incease its operational capabilities.

(b) Aircraft can be flown till the completion of their Total Technical/Calendar Life, which is different for different types of aircraft. It would not be in the public interest to divulge the other details.

New training institutes for armed forces

1938. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some new training institutes for Armed Forces personnel and ex-servicemen are proposed to be established in Andhra Pradesh;